

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for billing for guaranteed bandwidth network service, comprising:
 - 2 a) receiving a request from a user at a computer terminal;
 - 3 b) determining a destination of the request;
 - 4 c) transmitting the request to the destination utilizing a first network and a second
 - 5 network based on the destination;
 - 6 d) tracking the transmission of the requests to the destination utilizing the first
 - 7 network and the second network; and
 - 8 e) billing the user from a first entity for requests transmitted utilizing the first
 - 9 network, and a second entity for requests transmitted utilizing the second
 - 10 network.
 - 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first network includes the Internet.
 - 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the second network includes a network separate
 - 2 from the Internet.
 - 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the second network includes a virtual private
 - 2 network (VPN).
 - 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein (a)-(c) are carried out utilizing a module
 - 2 positioned within one thousand (1000) feet from the computer terminal.
 - 1 6. The method of claim 6, wherein the module includes a multiplexer.
 - 1 7. The method of claim 7, wherein the multiplexer includes a digital subscriber line
 - 2 access multiplexer (DSLAM).

- 1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein (d) and (e) are carried out utilizing a central
2 module.
- 1 9. A system for billing for guaranteed bandwidth network service, comprising:
2 a) logic for receiving a request from a user at a computer terminal;
3 b) logic for determining a destination of the request;
4 c) logic for transmitting the request to the destination utilizing a first network and a
5 second network based on the destination;
6 d) logic for tracking the transmission of the requests to the destination utilizing the
7 first network and the second network; and
8 e) logic for billing the user from a first entity for requests transmitted utilizing the
9 first network, and a second entity for requests transmitted utilizing the second
10 network.
- 1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the first network includes the Internet.
- 1 11. The system of claim 9, wherein the second network includes a network separate
2 from the Internet.
- 1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the second network includes a virtual private
2 network (VPN).
- 1 13. The system of claim 9, wherein (a)-(c) are carried out utilizing a module
2 positioned within one thousand (1000) feet from the computer terminal.
- 1 14. The system of claim 13, wherein the module includes a multiplexer.
- 1 15. The system of claim 14, wherein the multiplexer includes a digital subscriber line
2 access multiplexer (DSLAM).
- 1 16. The system of claim 9, wherein (d)-(e) are carried out utilizing a central module.

1 17. A computer program product for billing for guaranteed bandwidth network
 2 service, comprising:
 3 a) computer code for receiving a request from a user at a computer terminal;
 4 b) computer code for determining a destination of the request;
 5 c) computer code for transmitting the request to the destination utilizing a first
 6 network and a second network based on the destination;
 7 d) computer code for tracking the transmission of the requests to the destination
 8 utilizing the first network and the second network; and
 9 e) computer code for billing the user from a first entity for requests transmitted
 10 utilizing the first network, and a second entity for requests transmitted utilizing
 11 the second network.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the first network includes the
 2 Internet.

1 19. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the second network includes
 2 a network separate from the Internet.

1 20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the second network includes
 2 a virtual private network (VPN).